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Selected Gladiolus



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Notes from a Gladiolus Garden

A beautiful gladiolus is a joy indeed but unfortunately there are far too many mediocre varieties and poorly-grown blooms in the gardens of flower growers and in the flower marts. If a great many of our least worthy varieties were discarded and only those having particular merit of beauty, form and color were retained, a great impetus to gladiolus growing would result. We feel that every bulb grower who offers these least worthy varieties to the public is doing more harm than good to the future of gladiolus growing.

During the 1934 season we limited our plantings to 75 varieties, of which nearly half were new, highly advertised introductions. Out of the lot of 35 new kinds, we consider only three improvements over some of our older varieties, and are, therefore, listing them. Our list of varieties is shorter than we have ever offered but all the kinds listed are outstanding in their particular color class. We have retained no weak performers, freakish, blotched nondescripts or moderately pretty kinds. Except for the three varieties—Apricot Glow, Giant Nymph and Golden Dream—we consider all these varieties real aristocrats. We have retained Apricot Glow because of its excellent performance and daintiness of color and form. There are several prettier pinks than Giant Nymph, but no moderate-priced pink outranks it in performance and size. Golden Dream is not the last word in yellow, but it is the best commercial yellow.

Large bulbs are relatively higher in price this season since the drought of last summer decreased the yield of large bulbs in the principal gladiolus sections of the country. We had plenty of rain and our stock is of good size, clean, bright and vigorous. We exercise the greatest care to keep varieties entirely true to name.

1935 PRICE LIST

Variety	Description	100 bulbs at three times the 25 rate.			
		Per	Large	Medium	Small
APRICOT GLOW —Rich apricot pink; early; very prolific		5	.15	.10	.05
		25	.50	.30	.20
BAGDAD —Smoky old rose; large flowered; tall grower, new		1	.15	.10	.05
		10	1.50	.75	.50
BETTY NUTHALL —Salmon pink of unusual merit; medium late		2	.10	.08	.06
		25	.75	.50	.35
DEBONAIR —Clear, soft pink; tall, straight grower; new Palmer seedling.....		1	.40	.25	.12
		10	3.25	2.00	1.25
GIANT NYMPH —Best commercial pink; large flowered; tall		5	.15	.10	.05
		25	.50	.30	.20
LINDESTA —Soft salmon rose; very fine; new Palmer seedling		1	.50	.35	.25
		10	4.00	3.25	2.25
PICARDY —Clear shrimp pink; excellent in color form and performance.....		2	.15	.10	.08
		25	1.25	1.00	.75
GOLDEN DREAM —Best commercial yellow; fairly late		5	.15	.10	.05
		25	.50	.30	.20
MARMORA —Smoky slate gray, with purplish blotch		2	.10	.08	.06
		25	.75	.50	.35
MINUET —Soft, clear pinkish lavender; one of best ever produced		2	.15	.10	.08
		25	1.00	.75	.50
MAMMOTH WHITE —Pure white; large.....		2	.15	.10	.08
		25	1.00	.75	.50
PFITZER'S TRIUMPH —Bright orange salmon red, large open florets		2	.10	.08	.06
		25	.75	.50	.35
VEILCHENBLAU —Large, dark bluish violet; better performer than most of the blues.....		2	.10	.08	.06
		25	.75	.50	.35
W. H. PHIPPS —Large, showy pink; many florets; open on tall, strong spike; late		2	.10	.08	.06
		25	.75	.50	.35
EXHIBITION MIXTURE —Contains many early primes; also excellent, large, flowering kinds; not labeled, but excellent value.....		25	.35	.20	.15
		100	1.00	.50	.35

SPECIAL LABELED COLLECTION FOR HOME GARDENS—100 bulbs from varieties listed including Picardy, Minuet and Bagdad, medium to large size, liberal extra count, \$2.50. This collection will give a garden full of the finest gladiolus blooms that can be produced.

SPECIAL PICARDY COLLECTION—10 large, 25 medium, 40 small bulbs, \$2.00.

GLADIOLUS SEED—Offering a limited quantity of carefully selected seed from such good parent stock as Apricot Glow, Marmora, Picardy and others. Packet, 25c.

We have other varieties not listed and bulblets of many kinds. If interested write for prices.

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